

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 32: PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS**  
**Chapter 16: DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS**

**§1094-S. MENTAL OR PHYSICAL EXAMINATION**

For the purposes of this section, by application for and acceptance of a license to practice under this subchapter, an independent practice dental hygienist is considered to have given consent to a mental or physical examination when directed by the board. The board may direct an independent practice dental hygienist to submit to an examination whenever the board determines the independent practice dental hygienist may be suffering from a mental illness that may be interfering with the competent independent practice of dental hygiene or from the use of intoxicants or drugs to an extent that they are preventing the independent practice dental hygienist from practicing dental hygiene competently and with safety to patients. An independent practice dental hygienist examined pursuant to an order of the board may not prevent the testimony of the examining individual or prevent the acceptance into evidence of the report of an examining individual. Failure to comply with an order of the board to submit to a mental or physical examination results in the immediate suspension of the license to practice independent dental hygiene by order of the District Court until the independent practice dental hygienist submits to the examination. [ 2007, c. 620, Pt. B, §1 (NEW) . ]

**SECTION HISTORY**

2007, c. 620, Pt. B, §1 (NEW) .

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